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1. In a network having a host electronic device and a plurality of storage devices with storage mediums, a method, comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of controllers interfaced with said network that control access to said storage devices; and

providing a virtual interface on said host electronic device for interfacing between a user of said host electronic device and said plurality of storage devices,

with said virtual interface,

receiving user data read requests and write requests from said

user;

translating said user data read requests and write requests into destination read requests and destination write requests in a manner that is transparent to the user; and

sending destination data read requests and write requests to at least one of said plurality of controllers for execution.

2. The method of claim 1 comprising the further steps of:

sending data from a user at said host electronic device to said virtual interface;

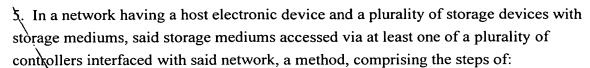
sending data from said virtual interface to a controller for a selected one of said plurality of storage devices; and

sending data from said controller to a selected one of said storage mediums for storage on said selected storage medium.

- 3. The method of claim 2 wherein said user is a database.
- 4. The method of claim 2 wherein said user is a file system.

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providing a virtual interface on said host electronic device for interfacing between a user of said host electronic device and said plurality of storage devices, with said virtual interface,

receiving user data read requests and write requests from said

user;

translating said user data read requests and write requests into
destination read requests and destination write requests in a manner that is transparent to the user; and

sending destination data read requests and write requests to at least one of said plurality of controllers for execution;

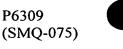
sending data from a user at said host electronic device to said virtual

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sending data from said virtual interface to a RAID (Redundant Array of Independent/Inexpensive Disk volume controller for a RAID set; and sending data from said RAID volume controller to said RAID set.

- 20 6. The method of claim 5 wherein said RAID set includes a first side and a second side and wherein parity data is sent to the first side of said RAID set and a full copy of said data is sent to the second side of said RAID set by said RAID volume controller.
- 7. The method of claim 5 wherein a complete copy of said data is sent to the first side and the second side of said RAID set.
  - 8. The method of claim 5 wherein said data is striped among more than one disk of said RAID set.
- 9. The method of claim 5 wherein said RAID volume controller stores data on RAID sets with different RAID levels.
  - 10. The method of claim 5 comprising the further step of:\
    providing a plurality of RAID sets; and
  - moving said data from a first RAID set to a second RAID set based on a command from said virtual interface.



11. The method of claim 5 wherein said RAID set includes a first side and a second side, comprising the further steps of:

attempting to access the data stored on said RAID set for said user; detecting an error in the first side of said RAID set; and providing said data from the second side of said RAID set to said user via said virtual interface and said RAID volume controller; and epairing said RAID set.

- 10 12. The method of claim 11 wherein said RAID volume controller copies said data to a different RAID set upon said error being detected.
  - 13. An apparatus interfaced with a network, said network interfaced with a plurality of devices with storage mediums located thereon, said apparatus comprising;
- 15 a software facility for creating a virtual interface for receiving read and write requests for data from a user of said apparatus, said virtual interface sending read and write requests for said data to said devices with storage mediums located thereon; and

a medium holding said software facility.

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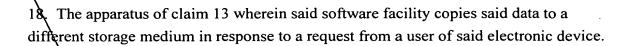
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- 14. The apparatus of claim 13 further comprising:
- a file system located on said apparatus, said file system being the user of said host electronic device storing data via said software facility.
- 25 15. The apparatus of claim 13 further comprising:
  - a database located on said apparatus, said database being the user of said host electronic device storing data via said software facility.
- 16. The apparatus of claim 13 wherein said software facility automatically stores said 30 data on more than one of said storage mediums.
  - 17. The apparatus of claim 13 wherein said software facility automatically copies said data to a different storage medium upon detecting a failure in one of the storage mediums holding said data.

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19. In an electronic device interfaced with a network, said network interfaced with a plurality of devices with storage mediums located thereon, a medium holding computer-executable instructions for a method, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a software facility located on said electronic device, said software facility creating a virtual interface; and

allocating data transparently to said plurality of devices for storage using said virtual interface.

- 20. The medium of claim 19 wherein said method comprises the further steps of:

  detecting a failure in one of said plurality of devices holding said data;
  and
- automatically allocating a copy of said data to a different one of said plurality of devices for storage.
- 21. The medium of claim 19 wherein said method comprises the further step of:
   allocating a copy of said data to a different one of said plurality of
   devices for storage in response to a request from a user of said electronic device.
  - 22. In a network, a method, comprising the steps of:

wrapping a network storage medium inside a virtual logical unit, said virtual logical unit being a software created virtual interface encapsulating and hiding the location of said network storage medium;

placing said virtual logical unit between said network storage medium and an electronic device; and

accessing data on said network storage medium through data read requests and data write requests sent from said electronic device to said virtual logical unit.